

BIRD ALARM CLOCK.

Chicago Man Declares Sparrows Beat Any Mechanical Device.

LEADER STARTS THE CHORUS.

Regular Hours Observed—Only Improvement to Be Made Is Some Method to Prevent Jensen's Pets From Singing on Sundays and Legal Holidays.

Harold Jensen of 6509 Loomis street, Chicago, has adopted the novel idea of employing a cageful of common sparrows as an alarm clock. While Jensen was late to his work in the stockyards on an average of four times a week before the advent of the feathered colony in his home, he is now happy in the feeling of surety that he will be one of the first to punch the time clock every day. As a certainty, in regard to starting noise every morning at a fixed hour, Jensen believes his "living, breathing" clock has anything beaten that has ever been turned out by the most skilled mechanics.

The sparrows, nine or ten of them in a large wire cage, hang on the rear porch during the day, where they can chirp in the sunlight, but at night, when the house is closed up, the birds are brought to the head of Jensen's bed and set on a small table, says the Chicago News. They seem to pay no attention to the light of the gas burner, but only draw their heads deeper down into their "ruffs" and wink solemnly at each other in silence until the light is extinguished.

At the break of dawn, however, when the first rays of the sun come peeping over the housetops and flicker across the waters of the Ogden park lagoon, the "alarm" starts "ringing" with a vengeance. Like all closely organized choirs, the sparrows have a leader, a male bird. He is the first to lift his voice in the summons which brings Jensen leaping from bed. One by one the birds join the "choir master" until the shrill piping can be heard all through the house.

The feature of his "invention" which particularly tickles Jensen is the fact that the birds "skin to death," as he expresses it, any of the so called intermittent alarm clocks. The birds sing in spasms, so to speak, stopping every few seconds for a long breath. They continue their programme until some member of the family removes them to the porch and fills the bottom of the cage with crumbs and grain.

Jensen, the "inventor," has gained about ten pounds since the installation of the cage of sparrows about a month ago, and he is wearing a smile that refuses to remove itself from his countenance. He attributes his gain in avoirdupois to the feeling of happiness which comes with "getting next to nature" and with having the sounds of cheerful bird talk the first to reach his ears on arising in the morning.

"Grouchy?" ejaculated Jensen when asked how he liked his alarm clock. "Why, I haven't had a grouchy or sour minute since I got my little pets. To make a man really cheerful and able to bear up under the strains of business and domestic life there is nothing like the voice of nature's children to do the work. The first thing I hear in the morning is Bill—that's the leader—letting out a bunch of 'tweet-tweets' right in my ear. It isn't very loud, and it allows me to awake slowly and gently. I remain in a kind of half dream, imagining that I am out in the woods or in some beautiful garden and that wonderfully plumaged birds are singing over my head.

"Then Maggie and Mike, the most industrious singers in the bunch, get busy, and I am thoroughly awakened. Sometimes Bill is a little previous in starting the 'bell' to going, and I have a chance to lie in bed for a few minutes and listen to the chirping and imagine all sorts of pleasant things. Why, it keeps me in good humor all day."

Jensen sees room for improvement in his invention in only one direction. The sparrows, led by the wonderful Bill, start trouble just as promptly and as industriously on Sunday mornings as on the other six days of the week. Jensen is now trying to train the sparrows to notice the red numerals on the calendar which hangs in his room, so that he will be allowed to snooze on Sundays and legal holidays.

Woman Suffrage Convention.

The coming annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association, to be held at Buffalo, Oct. 15 to 21, promises to be a most auspicious occasion. This meeting will mark the sixtieth anniversary of the first convention ever held in the world in the interests of equal civil and political rights for women. That first meeting occurred in 1848 at Seneca Falls, N. Y., and several women who participated in it still survive and will be honored figures in the Buffalo gathering. Besides these pioneers many other distinguished persons will be present. From the small beginning in 1848 this movement has become worldwide, and at the international woman suffrage congress, held in Holland last July, there were present delegates from sixteen organized countries.

Plan to Have Bible in Every Hotel.

An organized movement to place a Bible in the rooms of every hotel in the United States was formulated at the Grand Avenue Methodist church in Kansas City, Mo., the other night at a meeting of the "Glideons." This is an organization of traveling men, with 3,000 members.

Why James Lee Got Well

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Premature Explosion.

"Madam," said the street car conductor, "is this your boy?"

"Yes, sir; he is," she snapped. "And I am not going to pay any fare for him, either. He isn't five years old yet!"

"I didn't dream of asking you to pay fare for him, ma'am. I was only going to tell you he's the brightest and handsomest little fellow I've seen for many a day."

Then he passed down the aisle, leaving the portly dame speechless and gasping for breath.—Chicago Tribune.

Bismarck and the French.

Bismarck had no great opinion of the French. He believed that they are too easily swayed by popular catchwords. "Talk to a Frenchman about liberty, equality and fraternity, tell him that his nation is the greatest in the world, and you can do anything with him. You can impress the French more than any other people if you tell them it is done in the name of freedom."

Asked his opinion in the case of a certain French spy, he said: "It's a sad case. You've got to hang him, but do it with the utmost politeness, so as not to hurt his feelings."

Filial Devotion.

A southern congressman tells of a dandy in a Georgia town whose best quality is his devotion to his aged parent.

Once the congressman asked Pete why he had never married.

"Why, boss," explained Pete, "I's got an ole mudder. I had t' do for her, suh. Ef I doan' buy her shoes an' stockin's she doan' git none. Now, boss, you see ef I was t' git married I'd have t' buy 'em fo' mah wife, an' dat'd be takin' de shoes an' stockin's right outer my ole mudder's mouf."—Harper's Weekly.

Julius Caesar in London.

Julius Caesar left an estate in England valued at \$6,075. He was a chemist, carrying on business in London. His ancestor, Caesar Adelmare, an Italian doctor, attended Queen Mary and was paid the record fee of \$509. She styled him her Julius Caesar. This name he begged her to authorize him to use, and she granted him letters of naturalization. The Italian doctor's son became Sir Julius Caesar and was a prominent physician in his day. Many of his family bearing the name have been doctors and surgeons of distinction.

Peanuts.

Peanuts only thrive in a warm climate. The plant requires a limy, sandy loam and yields from two bushels of pods planted an acre as much as forty or fifty bushels of pods and two tons of straw. The seed is planted about one inch deep in rows from twenty-eight to thirty-six inches apart and from twelve to sixteen inches in the row when danger of late spring frosts has passed. After planting and during the growing period of the crop the soil is kept close and open and free from weeds. The crop is harvested before frost in the fall, the plant being loosened by means of a special plow, then taken up and put into shocks. After drying from fifteen to twenty days the pods are picked.

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"Here is the meanest ad.," he said, "in my long experience. It was handed in by a very pretty girl. When I read it I could hardly keep from saying to her, 'Ain't you ashamed?'"

"If the gentleman who lent a brown raincoat to a young lady in the park on Sunday afternoon during the storm will apply to the butler at 2117 Peanut street, he can have the coat back upon payment of the cost of this advertisement."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Flight of Birds.

To the average observer of the flight of birds everything is deceptive. To compare the flight of a large bird with a smaller one is especially so. The cormorant of the seacoast seems to be a slow flier, yet he does a mile in one minute and ten seconds. The honeybee seems to travel like a bullet, yet it takes him two minutes to fly one mile. The hummingbird does not fly as fast as many slow flapping birds of ungainly bulk. The quail appears to get away more rapidly than does the mallard, but he does not do it.

A Curious Word.

Few words have so remarkable a history as the word "bankrupt." The money lenders of Genoa, Venice and Florence had benches or stalls in the bourse, or exchange, in former times. At these benches they conducted their business. When any of them became insolvent his bench or bank was broken, because he had no further use for it, and the name banko rotto, or broken bench, was given to him. When the word first came into use in England it was nearer the Italian than it now is, being "bankerout" instead of bankrupt.—Epworth Herald.

Cold Weather Advice

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An Illustrious List.

What man in the history of the world whose name began with A—and after that every other letter of the alphabet in order—exerted the greatest influence upon the thought and conduct of mankind? Of course there are some letters which are not very prolific in the names of great men, but we think most of our readers will be surprised to see how many of the most illustrious names in history are included in this list, compiled by a correspondent:

Aristotle, Bacon, Confucius, Darwin, Ezra, Franklin, Goethe, Homer, Isalah, Justinian, Kant, Luther, Mohammed, Newton, Ossian, Plato, Quintillian, Rousseau, Shakespeare, Tasso, Uhlard, Virgil, Washington, Xavier, Young, Zoroaster.—London Globe.

The Spider and the Fly.

In the long warfare between the spider and the fly the latter has had the housewife for its auxiliary and friend. The flies have been tolerated, even fed and nurtured, while the spiders and their webs have been ruthlessly destroyed. This unrelenting and unrelenting war against it keeps the spider population down, while the flies increase and multiply by the millions and tens of millions, almost unchecked. The spider is ugly, and his web is unsightly in the estimation of most people, but spiders hurt no human creature. They feed on flies, which are the foes of mankind, and do mankind a valuable service.—Philadelphia Press.

More Than Enough Is Too Much

To maintain health, a nature man or woman needs just enough food to repair the waste and supply energy and body heat. The habitual consumption of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be all right again. For sale by Titusville Pharmacy.

Stretching.

Stretching is good exercise. When a man cannot wake up in the middle of the night or in the morning and take a good stretch he ought to kick himself into some sort of comprehensibility. A vigorous stretch in bed or out of it is calculated to excite all the nerves, muscles, veins and arteries of the entire system, thereby stimulating the heart action and enlivening the dormant brain. You may not know that the brain sleeps. It requires a stirring up. All the cords and tendons in the body need rest. They need awakening also. All the vitals must be aroused. Stretching is a first rate rouser. Stretch, stretch, stretch!—New York Press.

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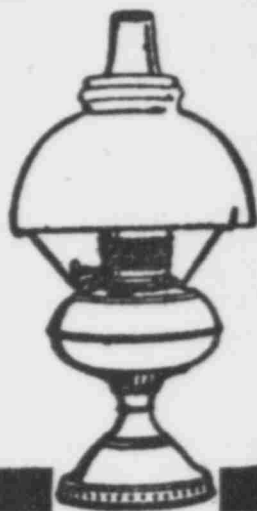
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Father Healy's wit seldom had a sting to it. On one occasion, however, some vulgar people asked how he got on so well in fine houses. "Faith," said Father Healy, "it must be from my mother I got it, for papa was as common as any of you."—Liverpool Mercury.

The First Evolutionist.

The first to suggest the transmutation of species among animals was Buffon, about 1750. The eccentric Lord Monboddo was the first to suggest the possible descent of man from the ape, about 1774. In 1813 a Dr. W. C. Wells first proposed to apply the principle of natural selection to the natural history of man, and in 1822 Herbert first asserted the transmutation of species in plants.

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